

Amendments to the Drawings

Applicant forwards for approval by the Examiner an Additional Drawing Sheet.

The Examiner objected to claim 16 on the basis that "spacer" is not shown in the drawings. Attached to this amendment is new FIG. 3 showing spacers that can be added between the coils of a coil spring. Support for this figure is found at originally filed claims 3 and 10 so that no new matter is involved.

REMARKS

Claims 4-9, 12 and 15-17 remain in this case.

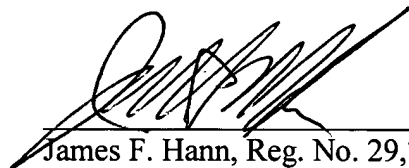
Claim 14 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the newly cited patent to Markow. Claim 16 has been objected to because "spacer" is not shown in the drawings. Claims 4-9, 12 and 15-17 have been allowed.

Applicant has amended the drawings by adding a new FIG. 3 showing a coil spring and spacers as requested by the Examiner. The description has been amended to reflect this addition of FIG. 3. Support for these changes is found at originally filed claims 3 and 10 so that no new matter is involved.

In light of the above remarks and the amendments to the claims, applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and action to that end is urged. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid the prosecution of this case in any way, please call the undersigned at (650) 712-0340.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix

One Additional Drawing Sheet comprising FIG. 3 is attached.